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1. IN ACCORD WITH AG ATTACHE RECOMMENDATION (BROWN TO WEISS LETTER FEB. 13), DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO PRESENT AIDE- MEMOIRE THIS WEEK TO SOV AG ATTACHE PROPOSING HAWKES WEED CONTROL VISIT AS ONE OF FIVE UNSPECIFIED SECTION IV EXCHANGES. IN LINE WITH BROWN' S SUGGESTION, AIDE- MEMOIRE WILL NOT PROVIDE DETAILED ITINERARY AND WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SOVIET APPROVAL OF EXCHANGE, IN PRINCIPLE, AND LEAVE ITINERARY DISCUSSION TO LATER DATE. ADVISE BY PRIORITY CABLE IF BROWN NOW PREFERS TO MENTION ITINERARY AND FACE THE PROBLEM OF CLOSED AREA VISITS AT THIS TIME.

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2. RE EMBASSY REQUEST FOR TRIP DETAILS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES IN INFORMATION DEPARTMENT BELIEVES BROWN ALREADY HAS. THAT IS, HAWKES DESIRES VISIT FOLLOWING:

A) LENINGRAD, ALL- PLANT PROTECTION INSTITUTE, DR. O. V. KOVALEV, PROF. V. A. SHCHEPETILNIKOVA AND C. I. VORONIN

B) VICINITY OF TASHKENT, CONTACT E. A. ADILLIF, PLANT PROTECTION INSTITUTE, TASHKENT;

C) SOUTH ARAL SEA AREA (NUKUS, TURT' KUL, TAKHTA- KUPIR, LAKE KARATARENG AND STEPPE AREA TO NORTH), CONTACT V. V. SIDOV, BOTANIST, NUKAS;

D) FERGANA VALLEY (FERGANA, KOKARD AND VICINITY) CONTACT DIMITRI EGRAOMOVICH, AGRONOMIST, FERGANA;

E) NORTH CASPIAN SEAS AREA (VICINITY OF GUR' YEV, KAZAKH OR VICINITY OF ASTRAKHAN).

IN ADDITION IF TIME AND CONDITIONS PERMIT HAWKES WOULD LIKE TO VISIT 1) SUGATINSKI VALLEY EAST OF ALMA- ATA;
2) SOUTHERN END OR NORTH SHORE OF LAKE BALKHASH; AND
3) VICINITY OF SEMIPALATINSK.

3. FYI. IN PREVIOUS WEED CONTROL EXCHANGE IN 1965 LLOYD ANDRES VISITED FOLLOWING HALOGETON FIELD SITES: TASHKENT; FERGANA VALLEY; SOUTH ARAL SEA AREA INCLUDING NUKAS SOUTH TO TURKUL (AND ONCE ON SCENE HE WAS PERMITTED NORTHEAST OF NUKAS NEAR TAKTAKUPIR); ALMA ATA EAST TO THE CHILIK RIVER AND INTO SUGATINSKI VALLEY; SAMARKAND AND BUKHARA AND VICINITY. ANDRES WAS DENIED REQUESTS TO STUDY HALOGETON AREAS AT AKMOLINSK, LAKE BALKASH AND SEMIPALATINSK. END FYI. ROGERS

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